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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1953

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1953.

The report is prepared on the same lines as that for 1952, and as indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/54 dated 12th January, 1954.

The Crude Death Rate is 14.08, as compared with 11.67 for 1952.

The Standardised Death Rate is 11.40, as compared with 11.4 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a "comparability factor," making allowance for the age and sex distribution in the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 42.73, which compares with 23.62 for the previous year, and with 22.4 for England and Wales. (There were three deaths of infants under one year in 1952, and five in 1953.)

The Birth Rate is 10.29 compared with 11.23 in 1952.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 10.70 compared with 15.5 for England Wales.

There were no deaths of children under the age of two years from Diarrhoea, Enteritis, or from Maternal causes.

No deaths occurred from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

No case of Food Poisoning was notified.

No case of Diphtheria was notified for the eighth successive year.

Siphtheria Immunisation.

The immunisation rate of all children in the district up to fifteen years f age is 94.08%; of the children attending school it is 98.84%.

mallpox Vaccination.

During the year the numbers of vaccinations carried out at Clinics or eported by general practitioners were: under 1 year, 113; 1 to 4 years, 4; 5 to 4 years, 6; 15 years and over, 7; making a total of 130.

The numbers of re-vaccinations were: under 1 year, 1; 1 to 4 years, 5; to 14 years, 11; 15 years and over, 64; making a total of 81.

lean Food Byelaws.

The majority of food traders now recognise that the byelaws are designed secure conditions in handling which will protect food from dirt and dangerous ntamination.

Many have gone beyond the absolute requirements of the byelaws in an endeavour to ensure cleanliness, and are to be congratulated on the sustained interest shown in the welfare of the customer. Considerable expense has been necessary, and it is hoped that the public will appreciate what has been done in their interest and will buy only clean food.

Unhappily there remains a small section particularly of multiple shops in the grocery trade, who do not co-operate fully in improving the standard of food distribution in this town.

The impression is created that maximum profit is the only consideration; and to secure this, extensive counter and window displays are made of unprotected food—including cooked meat, the most dangerous of all.

Attracted by the display, the unsuspecting or indifferent purchaser may take home food already contaminated by flies and the germ-laden dust of a crowded shop.

The food trader who is deaf to hygiene teaching or fears to depart from long established sales methods, will nevertheless react quickly to the state of the till.

The discriminating customer can stimulate action which will quickly produce results beyond anything the byelaws can achieve.

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1952 are shown in brackets)

		JIACKCES	
Area	6	,597 acr	es.
Registrar General's Estimated Population		,360	(11,310)
Density of Population per acre		1.72	(1.71)
Rateable Value	£111	,424 (£106,823)
Sum Represented by 1d. rate	4	£437	(£423)
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	1	0.29	(11.23)
Standardised Birth Rate	1	0.70	(11.68)
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	1	4.08	(11.67)
Standardised Death Rate	1.	1.40	(9.45)
Infantile Mortality Rate	42	2.74	(23.62)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	3,	,502	(3,366)
VITAL STATISTICS			
Births			
LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	72	41	113
Illegitimate	1	3	4
Total Live Births			
	73	44	117
Birth Rate per 1,000 Live Births 10.29			
Comparability Factor 1.04			
Standardised Birth Rate 10.70			
STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate			
Total Still Births			
	3	2	5
Rate per 1,000 of the total Births 0.44			
Deaths			
· Catilo		Female	Total
	58	102	160
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population 14.08			
Comparability Factor 0.81			
Standardised Death Rate 11.40			
nfantile Mortality			
		Female	Total
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	3	1	4
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Bird	3	2	5
TOKIALITI KATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRT	THS	42.74	

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1938-1953

Natural increase	of Births	Deaths	-17		1 23		ಣ	33 3 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	1	33 3 1 9 2 3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10	10	- 2 - 9 - 40 - 16 - 9 - 9 - 79	- 2 - 9 - 40 - 9 - 9 - 9 - 107 - 49	- 2 - 9 - 33 - 40 - 9 - 9 - 7 - 79	- 2 - 9 - 33 - 40 - 16 - 9 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 49 - 49	- 2 - 9 - 33 - 40 - 9 - 9 - 7 - 79 - 79 - 79 - 79 - 79 -	- 2 - 9 - 33 - 40 - 9 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7
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Fetim	ated	Popu- lation	9,655	10,100	10,810	12.750		10,720	10,720	10,720 10,280 9,648	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580 10,740	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580 10,740 10,840	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580 10,740 11,000 11,000	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,740 10,840 11,000 11,000	10,720 10,280 9,648 9,910 10,580 10,740 11,000 11,060 11,170
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CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

				0.		· DID	11(101
						Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	•••	• • •	• • •				1
Tuberculosis, Other	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •			
Syphilitic Disease	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •		-	
Diphtheria	•••	• • •					
Whooping Cough	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •			
Meningococcal Infections	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •			-
Acute Poliomyelitis	•••	•••			• • •		-
Measles		•••	• • •	• • •			
Other Infective and Parasitic D		3	• • •	• • •		—	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach		• • •	• • •			-	_
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bro			• • •			3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	_	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus			• • •	• • •	• • •	—	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic	Neop	olasms	• • •	• • •		7	9
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia Diabetes		•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	-	
	• • •	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	1	_
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Sys	stem	• • •		• • •	• • •	8	26
Coronary Disease, Angina	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •		9	7
Hypertension with Heart Diseas	e	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	2	2
Other Heart Disease Other Circulatory Disease		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	10	28
		•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	5	9
Den anno a mia		• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	-	3
Propohitic	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory S	· · ·	• • •	•••	•••	• • •	3	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenur	ystem		•••	• • •	• • •	3	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoe	.11	•••	•••	• • •	• • •		_
Nephritis and Nephrosis	a	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	1	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		
Congonital Malformations		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	-	
Other Defined and Ill-Defined D		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	1
Motor Vohiola Assidanta		5	•••	• • •	• • •	4	5
All Other Agaidents		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		
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Suicide Homicide and Operations of Wa:	•• .		• • •	• • •	• • •	-	
operations of wa	1 .	••	• • •	• • •	•••		-
ALL CAUSES					_		

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

58

102

			 	3110015	
AGE G	ROUP	S	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under I year			 3	2	5
1-4	• • •		 	3	3
5—14		• • •	 -	1	Ĭ
1524			 	-	
25-34			 	2	2
3544			 -		
45-54			 4	2	6
5564			 13	6	19
65—74			 12	23	35
75 and over	•••	•••	 26	63	89
TOTALS			 58	102	160

BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE-RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1953

		160	1.00 C11		
		County	160 Smaller		
		Boroughs			
	England	and	(Resident	London	East
	and	Great	Population	Admin.	Grinstea
	Wales	Towns	25,000—	County	U.D.
	1	(includ-	50,000		
	1	ing	1951 Census)		
	1	London)	1001 Census,		
		London			
Births	1	Rates per	1,000 Home P	opulation	
Live Births	. 15.5	17.0	15.7	17.5	10.29
Still Births	0.07	0.43	0.34	0.38	0.44
3tm Dittis	22.6(a)				
Deaths	22.0(a)	24.8(a)	21.4(a)	21.0(a)	42.74
111.0	11.4	10.0	11.0	10.5	1.00
All Causes	0.00	12.2	11.3	12.5	14.08
Typhoid and Paratyphoid		0.00			_
Whooping Cough		0.01	0.00	0.00	_
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00		_
Tuberculosis	. 0.20	0.24	0.19 '	0.24	0.09
Influenza	. 0.16	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.26
Smallpox	0 00	0.00	0.00	_	8
Acute Poliomyelitis (including					
Polioencephalitis)	. 0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Pneumonia		0.59	0.52	0.64	0.18
i neumonia	. 0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.16
Notifications (Corrected)					
	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	
Typhoid Fever					_
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	_
Meningococcal Infection		0.04	0.03	0.03	_
Scarlet Fever		1.50	1.44	1.02	0.7
Whooping Cough	. 3.58	3.72	3.38	3.30	11.44
Diphtheria	. 0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	_
Diphtheria Erysipelas	. 0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.26
Smallpox	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	_	
Measles	1000	11.27	12.32	8.09	28.7
Pneumonia		0.92	0.76	0.73	0.62
Acute Poliomyelitis (including		0.02	0.10	0110	0.02
Polioencephalitis)—					
1 p. 1 5 '	. 0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09
					0.09
Non-Paralytic		0.03	0.04	0.03	
Food Poisoning		0.25	0.24	0.38	
Puerperal Pyrexia	. 18.23(a)	24.33(a)	12.46(a)	28.61(a)	
7		D .	1 000 -: -:		
Deaths			1,000 Live Bi		
All Causes under 1 year of age	. 27.6(b)	31.2(b)	25.8(b)	23.6(b)	23.6
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2					
years of age	. 1.1	1.3	0.5	0.7	_
2					
			l	-	L
MATERNAL MORTAL	ITY IN	ENGLA	ND AND	WALES	
Rates per 1					
Rates per 1	,ooo (Live			East Grin	stoad
Consist of Childhirth and the D	orium				sieuu
Sepsis of Childbirth and the Puerr		<i>/</i>	0.10	Nil	
Abortion with Toxaemia		• • •	0.01	Nil	
Other Toxaemias of Pregnancy an	d the Puer		0.24	Nil	
Haemorrhage of Pregnancy and Cl	nildbirth		0.13	Nil	
Abortion without mention of Seps		emia	0.04	Nil	
Abortion with Sepsis			0.06	Nil	
Other Complications of Pregnancy	Childhirth	and			

⁽a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.

Other Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and

the Puerperium

Nil

0.18

⁽b) Per 1,000 Related Live Births.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1953

	DISE	ASE			Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Poliomyelitis Measles Acute Pneumonia					 8 130 1 326	1 1 6	=
Erysipelas		•••	•••	•••	 3	1	$\frac{2}{-}$

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE				Age Groups								
			0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	Total
Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Poliomyelitis Measles Acute Pneumonia Erysipelas			$\frac{13}{9}$ $\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{-26}{49}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 35 \\ \hline 63 \\ 1 \\ \hline - \end{array} $	5 56 1 175 1	1 - 16 -	1 - 4 -	_ - 9 -			8 130 1 326 7 3
Totals			23	75	100	238	17	5	9	5	3	475

TUBERCULOSIS New Cases and Mortality during the year 1953

	100 00000				NEW	CASE	S	DEATHS				
AGE	GRC	UPS		Pulm	onary	Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary			on- onary	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1	vear											
1-5	y 0		•••			_	-	_	_	—	-	
6-15					1	_	_	- 1	1	—	- 1	
16-25						_	_	- 1	_	_	-	
26-35				1			_	_	_	_	-	
36-45				i	3			-	_		-	
4655				î	_			_		_	-	
5665							_	_	-	-	_	
Over 65									_	-	_	
										_	- 1	

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the Years 1938-1953

		NEV	W CAS	SES		DEATHS					
YEAR	Pulmonary		No Pulmo		Total	Pulm	onary	No Pulmo		Total	
	\overline{M} .	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		
1938	4	_	1	1	6	2	3	1	1	7	
1939	1	1	1	3	6	_		1		1 ~	
1940	7	6	1	_	14	2	2	_	1	5	
1941	2	2	1	1	6	1	2	_	_	3	
1942	3	3	_	2	8	2	1	-		ئ 1	
1943	_	1	_	_	1	_	_	_	1	1	
1944	5	3	1	2	11	_	_		_		
1945	3	3	2	1	9	1	1	1		3	
1946	3	2	3	1	9	_	_	_	1	1	
1947	1	2	-	_	3	_	_	_	_	- 2	
1948	3	2	1 -	_	5	2	1	_	_	3 3 6	
1949	4	2	_	_	6	2	1		_	6	
1950	6	5	_	-	11	5	_	1	_	1	
1951	12	5	-	_	17	_	-	1	-	2	
1952	6	2		· -	8	2	-	I -	_	î	
1953	3	4	_	_	7		1			1	

IMMUNISATION

Summary of Immunisation in East Grinstead Urban District at 31st December, 1953

ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL FROM OTHER DISTRICT

	0:	n Register	No. Immunised	
Under 1 year		128	36	28.13%
•		608	572	94.08%
5—15 years		2159	2134	98.84%
0 10 years			25.42	94.71%
0—15 years	• • •	2895	2742	94.71 /0
		C	ONT	
EAST GRINSTE	AD	CHILDREN	ONLY	
Under 1 year		128	, 36	28.13%
1—4 years		608	572	94.08%
5—15 years		1815	1792	98.73%
9 5				
0—15 years		2551	2400	94.08%

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(I) Number of food premises in the area, by type of business:

				15	General Stores	 	22
Bakehouses	8			7	Public Houses	 	7
Hotels				4	Confectioners	 	18
Grocers				15	Greengrocers	 	15
Wine Merc	hants			4	Butchers	 	11
Corn Deale				2	Chemists	 	6
Wayside G	reengro	cery	Stores	3	Fish Shops	 	6
Clubs				5	Dairies	 	2
Milkshops		•••		2		_	
							144

(2) Number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:

Sale of Ice							48
Preparation							10
Preparation	of Pott	ed Fo	$^{\mathrm{od}}$				nil
Preparation							nil
Preparation							1
Preparation	of Prese	rved F	food, in	cluding	Fried	Fish	3
Dairies							3

(3) Number of inspections of registered food premises, 133.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (*Telephone*: Brighton 23506) are available to this Department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept work such as the bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water, ice-cream foods and pathological pecimens. Laboratory investigations of outbreaks of communicable disease, acluding the detection and elimination of carriers and other reservoirs of affection, are also carried out.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this Department and specimens may be sent to the laboratory *via* the Southdown Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2.30 p.m., and 4.30 p.m. except on Sundays; on Saturdays only one collection is made at 12.30 p.m.).

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, Council Offices, East Court, before 1 p.m., and will be placed on a 'bus 1 time to reach Brighton for the 4.30 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open to receive urgent specimens between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays, and in cases of extreme urgency during non-working hours the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. J. E. Jameson, may be telephoned at Brighton 56960.

The following prophylactics are held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners.

Vaccine Lymph. Adult serum for measles prophylaxis.

Other types of vaccines, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the South Eastern Gas Board. A few houses on the northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The South Eastern Gas Board have deep wells at Hackenden, Placeland and Forest Row, which, together with the Medway Intake at Forest Row

comprise the four sources of supply.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to de chlorination, to give a free residual of I p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Water from each supply is subjected to laboratory examination monthly Samples from each source are submitted to the Royal Institute of Publish Health and Hygiene by the South Eastern Gas Board for chemical an bacteriological examination. Four samples per year, taken from various point on the main supply throughout the area, are submitted by the East Grinstea Urban and Uckfield Rural District Councils to the Public Health Laborator for bacteriological examination.

The reports on all samples submitted during the year have indicated that the quality of the water supply to the area has been of a high standard bot chemically and bacteriologically.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the

vear.

Approximately 3,339 dwelling houses have a piped water supply. these, 9 houses catering for 22 persons, are supplied by means of standpipe It is estimated that 62 premises are supplied by piped estate supplies are private wells.

HOUSING

The total number of permanent houses completed by the Council duri the year was 78, all on the Blackwell Farm Estate.

The number of families housed by the Council during the year was and at 31st December, 1953, the number of applicants on the Council's waiti list was 303, a reduction of 56 on the previous year's total.

Sixty-eight houses were built by private builders.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:—

Number of Ambulances ... Two.

Ambulance Station ... Phillips Garage,

219, London Road, East Grinstead.

Telephone Number ... East Grinstead 488.

Area Served East Grinstead, Forest Row, Hartfield,

Hartfield, West Hoathly.

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the county of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or by car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted direct from members of the public.

The ambulances are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the above ambulances. After conveyance of infectious patients the ambulances are disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed, on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer ... Miss K. V. Byrne, "Domons,"

Maypole Road, East Grinstead.

Telephone Number ... East Grinstead 1318.

Area Served East Grinstead Urban District, Uckfield Rural District.

Cuckfield Rural District, Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half).

Office hours Mondays to Fridays inclusive:—

10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Inspections made under I Inspections made under I			 	
Other Inspections				
Inspections of Dairies an	d Milkshops		 	
Meatshops	and Slaughter	houses	 	
		• • •	 	
Bakehouse	s		 	
	d Premises		 	
Ice-cream	Regulations		 	
Schools			 	
Public Ho	uses		 	
Public He	alth Acts		 	 9
Petroleum	Acts		 	
Factory A	.cts		 	
Infectious	Diseases		 	
Water Su	oplies		 	
House Let	ting Sub-Comn	nittee	 •••	
Smoke Ob			 	
Inspections under Pest D	estruction Acts		 	 18
Civil Defence			 	
Other Miscellaneous Inspe	ections		 	
Complaints received			 	
1				

SUMMARY OF MAIN DEFECTS ABATED IN TERMS OF PREMISES

Drains amended and	repair	ed						
Water-closets repaire				ilated				
Water-closets provide	$_{ m ed}$							• • •
Flushing Cisterns rep			ewed		• • •	• • •		
Roofs repaired or re-								
Eaves gutters and D	ownsp-	outs re	newed	or rep	aired			
Dampness via Walls								
House floors repaired	d				•••		•••	
Chimneys repaired								
Fireplaces repaired								
Water supplies amen	ided ar	nd pro	vided			• • •		•••
Dustbins provided								
Disinfestations						•••		
Accumulations remov	ved							
Cesspools emptied								
Commercial kitchens	cleans	ed						
Premises cleansed								
Sinks provided					•••			
Streams cleansed								

ACTION UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936

One two-storied house comprising four rooms, and one single-storied dwelling comprising four rooms, found to be unfit for human habitation and not repairable at reasonable cost, were the subject of statutory notices under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. In each case the owners gave undertakings that the premises would not be used for human habitation.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 391 visits were made to food premises and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

TINNED FOODSTUFFS—

	Meat		 43		Milk			11 tins
	Ham		 2	tins	Paste			1 tin
	Fruit		 313	tins	Barley			2 tins
	Fish		 15	tins	Cream			
	Vegetables		 77	tins	Mincemeat			
					Ovaltine	• • • •		
O.T.			_		Ovarenie	• • •	• • •	1 tin
OTH	IER FOODSTU	FFS—						
	Bacon		 103	lbs.	Cheese Spr	ead 1	64 v 9	og pleta
	Sausages		 25	lbs.	Pastry	1	$0 \times A = 2$	b plets.
	Pork Pies		 4		Pineapple	Chine	$O(A) = \frac{1}{2}$	D. pkts.
	Biscuits			lbs.	Coco-put I	cinps	· · · ·	4 IDS.
	Cheese Trin	mings		lbs.	Coco-nut I	ce	• • •	os ibs.
	D		35		Vinegar	• • •	• • • •	s gallons
	Fish—Wet			stones				

Condemned food is taken for destruction or burial, or for use, when suitble, for the preparation of rat baits.

MILK

The following Dealer's Licences authorising the use of special designations were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1953.

Special Design	No. of Licences			
Pasteurised				$\overline{4}$
Tuberculin Tested	(Pasteurised)			4
Tuberculin Tested				2

No order has yet been made under the Food & Drugs (etc.) Act, 1950, eclaring East Grinstead to be a "Specified Area," in which only designated ilk shall be sold, but the six distributors of milk in the district sell designated ilk only.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 151 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1937. In no case was statutory action found necessary.

1. **INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	32	36	1	_
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	45	115	5	_
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)		_	_	_
TOTALS	77	151	6	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	No.	fects	No. of cases when prosecu-		
PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	to $H.M.$	Referred by H.M. Inspector	tions wer
Want of Cleanliness Overcrowding	. 1 . 3 . 1 . 2	7 — 1 — 3 1 1		1 - - - 1 1	
TOTALS	. 14	13	_	3	_

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year 58 complaints were received. 1,854 visits under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, were made and 105 infestations

Regular inspections have been made at the Durkins Road, Eden Vale, Blackwell Pond and Brambletye Entrance tips, housing estates and other Council properties.

Infestation of 47 premises was found as a result of systematic surveys which are made throughout the district.

A 10% test of sewers was completed in March to the satisfaction of the nspector from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

A nominal charge for rodent destruction is made to householders. Business remises are charged with the actual cost of treatment in accordance with the greement between the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. o charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that premises remain

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department. House refuse is collected weekly. Trade refuse is collected at the request

the trader concerned and charges at cost plus 15% are made.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shovelstrode. Before being covered vly-tipped refuse is treated with gammexane insecticide to prevent breeding

Monthly inspection of the tip has been made by the Public Health Departnt to ascertain possible nuisance caused by rodents and flies.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex Count Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead:-

> DAYS AND TIMES **CLINICS**

Mondays to Fridays-9 to 9.30 a.m. School Minor Ailments ... 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays-10 a.m.

DOCTORS' SESSIONS . . .

Dental MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

By appointment. UNDER 5 YEARS ...

By appointment. SCHOOL CHILDREN By appointment.

Monday and Thursday mornings by appoin Orthopaedic

By appointment. DOCTORS' SESSIONS . . .

Diphtheria Immunisation

Child Guidance ...

2nd Thursday each month—2.15 p.m. and Vaccination

4th and 5th Thursdays each month—2.15 p. Schick-Test and Reading...

Ante Natal

1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays-2.15 p.m. DISTRICT NURSES

CUCKFIELD HOSPITAL

3rd Wednesday each month—2.15 p.m. PATIENTS . . .

Every Monday (except 5th Monday in t Infant Welfare . . .

month)—2 to 4 p.m.

2nd and 3rd Mondays-2 to 4 p.m. DOCTORS' SESSIONS . . .

Every Tuesday—By appointment. Speech Therapy ...

The following Clinic is held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Maypole Road, Ashu Wood:—

Infant Welfare

Weighing Session only ... 4th Tuesday each month—Afternoons.

At Queen Victoria Hospital Chest Clinic

Every Thursday—2 p.m.